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(c) In some cases, the posts were not filled up as they were not urgent requirements. In other cases, the posts were kept vacant for want of suitable technically qualified hands.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, is it a fact that many people have been posted and they have resigned and gone out seeking employment in private firms?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not know whether they have gone out seeking employment in private firms. But they have resigned and left.

Scholarships

* 158 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the State Government has been consulted by the Central Government in the award of scholarships to talented young persons in music, dance, drama and the fine arts for training in India during 1961–62?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

House Rent Allowance

* 159 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to give House Rent Allowance to the teachers in the aided high schools in the City of Madras and other major towns; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the reason for this unyielding policy of the Government in respect of this demand alone?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The reason is want of finance.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Even the lower division clerks in the City Corporation and local bodies are getting this house rent allowance. Is it justifiable to say that the teachers cannot get it now?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No grant is given by Government to local bodies towards house rent allowance.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is it not a reasonable demand of the teachers in Madras and major towns?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Not only this. So many other things are reasonable. But the question is whether it is practicable.